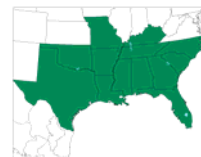


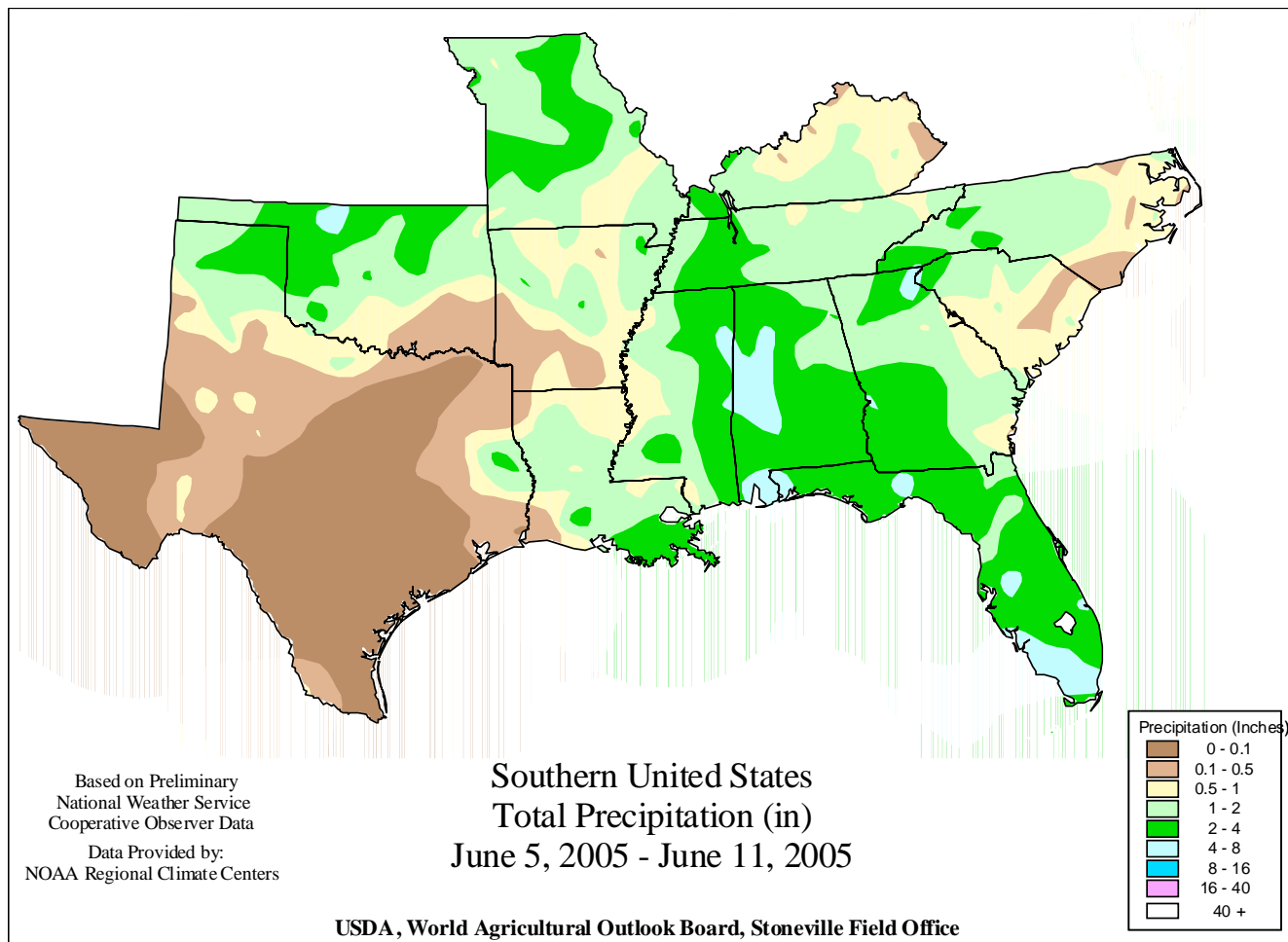


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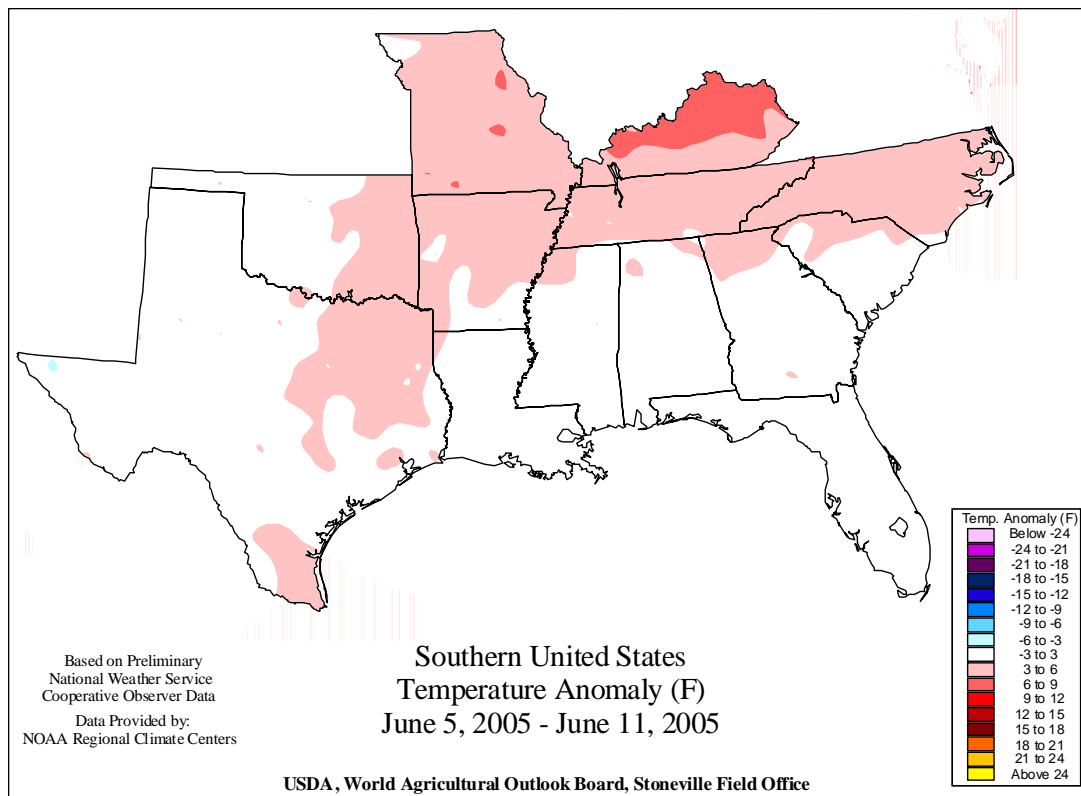
June 5 to 11, 2005



Weather Highlights

Precipitation across the southern states was scattered throughout the week. The main weather highlight was Tropical Storm Arlene which was the first named storm of the 2005 Atlantic tropical season. Arlene made landfall on the afternoon of June 11th, near Pensacola, Florida and weakened as it tracked northward. The tropical storm brought locally heavy rain (2-8 inches) to parts of eastern Mississippi, western Alabama, and Florida. Elsewhere, thunderstorms in Northern Oklahoma and Missouri brought 1-2 inches or more of rain, helping to ease dryness. Florida had persistent rainfall throughout the week and then additional rain from Arlene. Southern Arkansas and the Mississippi Delta missed many of the afternoon showers as did the eastern parts of Kentucky, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Texas was mostly dry, with significant rainfall (1-2 inches or more), confined to the extreme northern panhandle and a small area on the eastern side of the state.

Seasonal temperatures prevailed throughout the week in most southern states. Weekly temperatures averaged 3-6 degrees F above normal in the more northern states and an in an area that stretched into eastern and southern Texas. The northern parts of Kentucky experienced weekly temperatures that averaged 6 to 9 degrees F above normal.



In the Mississippi Delta, weekly temperatures averaged near normal in the south and above normal in the north. Daily maximum temperatures were around 90 degrees F with low temperatures around 70 degrees F. Scattered showers eased dryness in some areas while isolated areas received little, or no rain. Stoneville measured 0.04 inches of rain during the week, while Cleveland recorded 2.65 inches. Most areas received between 0.50 to 2 inches of rainfall.

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Agricultural Summary

United States Crop Progress Report*

Week Ending

		June 12, 2005	June 5, 2005	June 12, 2004	2000-2004 Average
		Percent			
Cotton	Planted	94	90	94	94
	Squaring	16	9	24	22
	Percent (Good to Excellent)	60	61	59	---
Corn	Percent (Good to Excellent)	67	64	70	---
Rice	Emerged	96	93	98	97
	Percent (Good to Excellent)	61	59	67	---
Soybeans	Planted	94	90	91	90
	Emerged	85	70	81	78
	Percent (Good to Excellent)	64	62	68	---

*Source: USDA/National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

"---" = Not Reported

Cotton:

Sixty percent of the crop was estimated to be in good to excellent condition, down 1 point from last week, up 2 points from last year. Planting progressed to 94 percent complete, slightly up from last year and the five-year average. Tennessee and South Carolina have the highest percentage of good to excellent crops at 84 and 83 percent, respectively.

Corn:

Sixty-seven percent of the crop was estimated to be in good to excellent condition, up 3 points but 3 behind last year. Crop ratings in the good to excellent category rose the most in Missouri (up 13 points). Mississippi and Georgia lead the nation with 79 percent of their crop rated as good to excellent. Silking progression continued in most states and crops were reporting good to excellent growth.

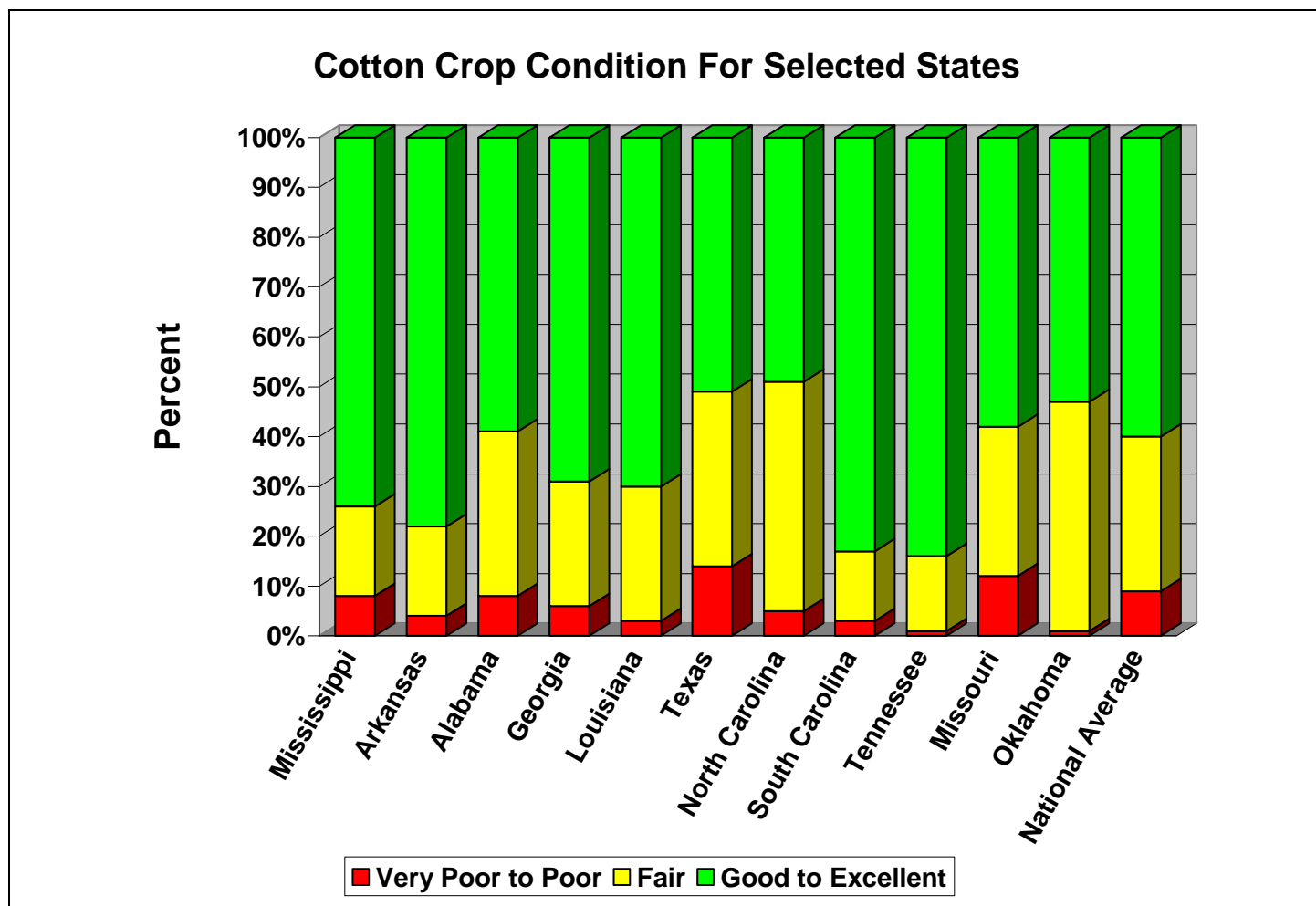
Rice:

Planting was complete and 96 percent of the crop had emerged, 2 points behind last year and 1 point behind the 5-year average for crop progress. Nationally, 61 percent of the crop was rated good to excellent, up 2 points from last week. Crop condition in Mississippi was rated the highest (91 percent), followed by Texas (75 percent), and Arkansas (66 percent).

Soybeans:

Soybean planting advanced 4 points from last week, but emergence showed the most progress, up 15 points from last week. The largest gains for crop progress were seen in Georgia (up 11 points), Louisiana (up 6 points), Kentucky (up 6 points), and Missouri (up 8 points). Missouri had the biggest increase, 75 percent

which is up from 42 percent last week. In contrast, Texas fell way behind compared to last week, by 27 points from its former total of 52 percent. Both of the Carolinas are holding steady at 73 percent.



Cotton Conditions by State:

Alabama's cotton crop was no longer rated the lowest of the southern states, rising 12 percentage points to 59 percent good to excellent. Other gains were reported in Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Missouri. Crop ratings in the good to excellent category fell 5 points in Texas (51 percent), 1 point in Oklahoma (53 percent), and 2 points in North Carolina (49 percent). Crop conditions in the good to excellent category rose 12 points in South Carolina and 9 points in Tennessee.

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